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SUBJECT: SUSPECTED BOMB INCIDENT AT THE EMBASSY

1. AT 1945 HOURS LOCAL THE MSG DISCOVERED A SMALL BOX, COVERED IN WHAT APPEARED TO LEATHER, ABOUT EIGHT INCHES FROM A GLASS PANEL NEAR THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY. THE TOP OF THE BOX WAS OPEN SLIGHTLY AND THE MSG OBSERVED A CLOCK AND SOME OBJECTS TAPED TOGETHER. THE LOCAL POLICE WERE NOTIFIED AT 1950 AND THE FIRST POLICE CAR ARRIVED AT 2020 HOURS. THE POLICE PLACED A CALL FOR THE ARMY BOMB SQUAD SHORTLY AFTER THEY ARRIVED. THE AREA WAS CORDONED OFF AND THE POLICE ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE ABOUT ONE HOUR BEFORE THE BOMB SQUAD WOULD ARRIVE FROM CULEMBORG (NEAR UTRECHT) ABOUT 50 MILES AWAY FROM THE HAGUE. STRAW BALES WERE PLACED AROUND THE "BOMB" BOX AND AFTER MANY INQUIRIES ABOUT THE BOMB SQUAD THE POLICE INFORMED US AT 2215 THAT THE BOMB SQUAD VEHICLE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT AND THAT ANOTHER VEHICLE WAS BEING DISPATCHED FROM CULEMBORG.

2. IN THE MEANWHILE, WE COMMUNICATED OUR UNHAPPINESS AND CONCERN TO THE HAGUE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL BUT THEY WERE UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE SITUATION OTHER THAN TO TRY TO GET ANOTHER ARMY BOMB SQUAD HERE ASAP. BASIC PROBLEM IS THAT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT OF

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THE NETHERLANDS HAS NO BOMB SQUAD OF ITS OWN, AND NONE WITHIN

A REASONABLE DISTANCE OF THE HAGUE WHOSE ASSISTANCE IT CAN REQUEST.
WE SHALL MENTION THIS OFFICIALLY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TOMORROW
AND AGAIN REQUEST THE ASSURANCE OF MORE EXPEDITIOUS SERVICE,
AS WE DID AFTER THE LAST SUSPECTED BOMB INCIDENT LAST FALL.

3. THE BOMB SQUAD FINALLY ARRIVED AT 2235 HOURS ALONG WITH
A FIRE ENGINE. THE BOX WAS PULLED DOWN THE EMBASSY FRONT
STEPS TO THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET BY HEAVY CORD.
HAY BALES WERE PLACED AROUND IT AND SMALL CHARGE WAS USED
TO BLOW IT UP. THE "BOMB" WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT A BOMB
BUT DEVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO LOOK LIKE ONE EVEN WITH A TICKING CLOCK.
NO DAMAGE DONE, NO INJURIES TO ANYONE INCLUDING THE BOMB SQUAD
IN THE AUTO ACCIDENT.
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